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SUBJECT: CSCE CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES: SOVIET
NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY EXERCISE

1. MISSION SHOULD INFORM THE ALLIES THAT ON JUNE 21
THE SECRETARY OF STATE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING CBM
NOTIFICATION FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN:
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ON JULY 11-16, 1977 MANEUVERS CODE-NAMED "CARPATHIANS"
WILL BE HELD IN THE AREA OF LUTSK, L'VOV, ROVNO BY
THE TROOPS OF THE CARPATHIAN MILITARY REGION. THE
TASK IS TO IMPROVE COOPERATION OF DIFFERENT
BRANCHES OF ARMED FORCES. GROUND TROOPS TOGETHER

WITH THE AIR FORCE UNITS WILL PARTICIPATE. THE

EXPECTED NUMBER OF TROOPS IS ABOUT 27,000.

2. THIS IS THE FOURTH SOVIET NOTIFICATION OF A MAJOR MANEUVER AND THE FIRST OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE DELIVERED IN THE CAPITAL OF A COUNTRY WITH A MILITARY ATTACHE ACCREDITED IN MOSCOW. POLAND HAS MADE NOTIFICATION OF ONE WARSAW PACT MAJOR MANEUVER.

3. THE SOVIETS TOLD MILITARY ATTACHES IN MOSCOW OF THE MANEUVER ON JUNE 20.

4. THE SOVIETS HAVE INVITED ALL WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, YUGOSLAVIA, AND FIVE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (FRG, FRANCE, ITALY, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA) TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO OBSERVE THE EXERCISE. THIS IS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF NON-PACT COUNTRIES INVITED TO A SOVIET EXERCISE TO DATE. IT IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME THAT COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THOSE NEAR THE EXERCISE AREA HAVE BEEN INVITED. NONE OF THE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INVITED THIS TIME EXCEPT AUSTRIA HAS BEEN INVITED BEFORE BY THE SOVIETS OR THE WARSAW PACT. AUSTRIA WAS INVITED TO SHIELD 76 IN POLAND. THE LAST NOTIFIED SOVIET MANEUVER HAD NO NON-PACT OBSERVERS IN ATTENDANCE, BUT THE TWO PREVIOUS SOVIET MANEUVERS AND THE MANEUVER IN POLAND ALL INVOLVED NON-PACT STATES FROM THE AREA
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OF THE MANEUVERS.

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